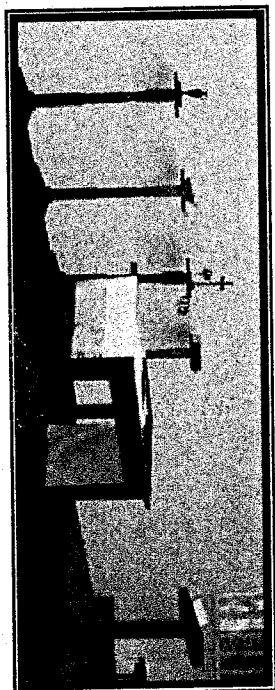
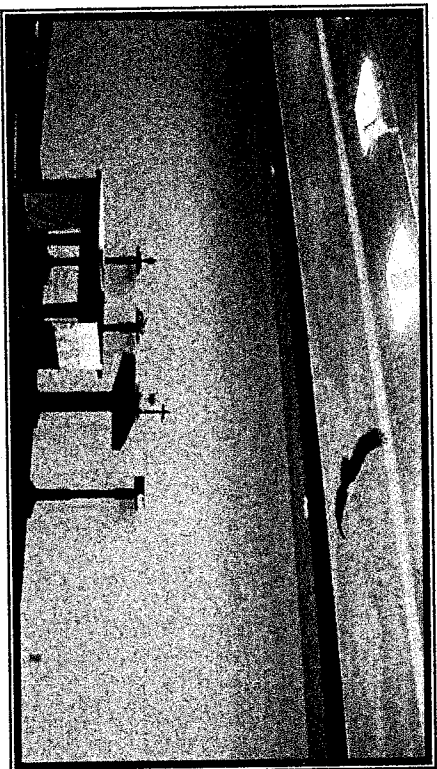




## Youth Services Division



## Indian Programs and Activities



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- ◆ Sweat Lodges at both Pine Hills (1992) and Riverside Youth Correctional Facilities (2001) (Riverside's sweat lodge will be re-built this spring, blessed and dedicated by Charles Little Old Man and Marceline Shoulderblade).
- ◆ Received RSAT (residential substance abuse & treatment) funds to train our Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC) to offer the White Bison Medicine Wheel Treatment Program to youth at both Pine Hills and Riverside.
- ◆ The White Bison Medicine Wheel Treatment training incorporates more than just Chemical Dependency treatment; we will include sobriety sweats for the youth, Talking Circles (groups) and continue programming for aftercare once youth leave the facilities.
- ◆ The Youth Services Division's Native American Liaison, LACs from Pine Hills and Riverside, are members of the White Bison Incorporated Montana's Wellbriety Movement. This allows staff to apply culturally appropriate teachings, strategies, community resources and support for the youth in the facilities and when they leave.
- ◆ Wellness Days for Native American Youth was offered at both youth correctional facilities in October, 2006. Wellness days for Riverside and the Transition Center are scheduled this spring.
- ◆ Pine Hills and Riverside's schools have implemented Indian Education for All. The schools have utilized their general funds to purchase resources for staff and students that are being recommended by OPI. The social studies classes are integrating the Essential Understanding Model Social Studies Curriculum into their current curricula. Staffs at both schools are being trained in How to Teach About American Indians - A Guide book for the School Library Media Specialist.
- ◆ Continue to offer Cultural Diversity training to staff; particular information is provided about Montana tribes - classes are on-going and a requirement for basic new employee orientation.

- ◆ YSD was awarded by OPI an Indian Education for All grant for both schools. This is allowing the schools to have guest speakers from each of the tribes to come and give their tribes' perspective on history, traditions, cultural practices and current issues facing our tribes.
- ◆ The grant will allow for two garden projects - a Native Plants Garden and a Medicine Wheel Flower Garden, our goal is to foster interest and develop in the youth the respect Indians have for Mother Earth.

## Riverside Youth Correctional Facility

- ◆ Implementing Indian Education for All by creating Native American Literature course.
- ◆ Modifying Social Studies and History courses to reflect Plains Indian history and contemporary issues facing the Montana tribes.
- ◆ Riverside in conjunction with Helena High School teacher (Joe Anderson) developed a Native American Literature class.
- ◆ Staff trained in cultural diversity and teachers specifically trained in How to Teach About American Indians.

## Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility

- ◆ Sweat Lodge since 1992. Charles Little Old Man and others have been conducting these sweats since the introduction of the sweat lodge.
- ◆ On May 12, 2005 Pine Hills opened their Center for Spirituality, creating a sweat lodge area in close proximity to the Center. The sweat lodge was re-built, blessed and dedicated on September 8, 2005 by Charles Little Old Man and Marceline Shoulderblade.
- ◆ Pine Hills teachers trained in How to Teach About American Indians.
- ◆ Library increased resources and literature about our Plains Indians tribes.
- ◆ Pine Hills sent staff to additional training for how to reach Indian students.